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LETTER TO PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, SIR:

In response to the final Office action dated November 30, 2006, please consider the following remarks and arguments set forth in this Letter To Patent And Trademark Office.

REMARKS

No claims have been amended herein. Claims 1, 3, 5-13, 15-23, 25, and 27 will be pending upon entry of this Letter To Patent And Trademark Office. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

1. Rejection of Claims 1, 3, 5-13, 15-18, 21, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claims 1, 3, 5-13, 15-18, 21, and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 0497144 ('144) in view of Morrison (U.S. 6,340,467) and further in view of Grollier et al. (U.S. 4,925,653).

Claim 1 is directed to a topical ointment comprising from about 30% by total weight of the ointment to about 80% by total weight of the ointment of an emollient, from about 20% by total